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CONVERSATION

Gideon Obeyed God

JUDGES 6:11-40; 7:1-22

Gideon was the son of a man named Joash. Gideon was not the greatest or the strongest in his family. In fact, he was the youngest son.

While Gideon was working one day, the angel of the Lord came to him and told him that he had been chosen to rescue the Israelites. Gideon was not sure that it was God who was asking him to rescue the Israelites, so he asked God to make a piece of wool wet one night, and to keep it dry another night. God did what Gideon asked.

When Gideon realized it was God speaking, he quickly obeyed and gathered an army. God told Gideon his army was too large. He told Gideon to keep only 300 men in his army. Gideon obeyed God and sent home almost 30,000 men.

Gideon wasn't sure how they could win a battle with only 300 men. God told Gideon to surround the enemy with torches and trumpets. When the time was right, Gideon instructed the men to blow their trumpets and show their torches. When the men did as instructed, the other people became confused and began fighting each other. Gideon obeyed God, and God helped Gideon rescue the Israelites.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: We will obey God. Joshua 24:24

LIFE POINT: People can choose to obey God.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that people can choose to obey God. Gideon made the hard decision to obey God and lead a fight against an enemy. God helped Gideon win the battle.



LIVE IT OUT

Print on a piece of paper: We will obey God. Joshua 24:24. Give your child markers, crayons, and stickers. Review the Bible story about Gideon as your child decorates the page. Say the verse together.



People can show love for God by obeying Him.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 119:34 Monday: Exodus 19:5

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 10:5
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 11:1
Thursday: Ephesians 6:1

Friday: 1 Peter 1:14
Saturday: Romans 1:5



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Gideon* **Obeyed God** section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.